

Appl. No. 10/583,450
Amendment dated: August 6, 2010
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REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification and claims in an effort to place the application in immediate condition for allowance in accordance with the requirements of the Official Action and therefore entry of the amendment is in order and most respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to remove the objected to phrase, "polymeric homopolymers", as stated on page 4 of the Official Action. This amendment obviates the objection to the amendment to the specification as failing to correspond to the written description requirement. The paragraph as now amended is the same as originally filed. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

The allowance of claim 20 is appreciated as is the indication that claims 18 and 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have restricted the application to allowed claim 20 as the only independent claim in the application. Claims 2-4 have been amended to be made dependent on allowed claim 20 and therefore placed in immediate condition for allowance. Allowable claims 18 and 19 have been made dependent on allowed claim 20 thereby placing these claims in condition for allowance. The remaining claims have been canceled from the application without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants have carefully considered the rejection of claims 1-4, 7 and 10-17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement and it is believed that this rejection was based on claim 1, which has been canceled from the application without prejudice or disclaimer. It is not believed that this rejection applies to claims 2-4 other than that they were dependent on claim 1. These claims have been made dependent on claim 20 and therefore it is most respectfully requested that this aspect of the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above comments and further amendments to the specification and claims, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all the claims now present in

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the application are most respectfully requested.

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